(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide personal security to each of the Chief Executives of the banks in Punjab; and

(d) what further steps Union Government propose to take to remove fear in the minds of bank employees in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 3rd August, 1991 militants killed the Regional Manager and the Assistant General Manager of Punjab National Bank at Ludhiana.

(c) and (d) The State Government has been requested by Government of India and the leading banks in the State to provide adequate security to the senior executives of banks. The banks have also met the State officials on 26th August, 1991 and reviewed the arrangements in this regard.

Progress of vocational education in some States

*112. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vocational in some States;

(b) whether any study has been made in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the results of the study; and

(d) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to attract more students towards vocational education with a view to providing gainful employment to them after their education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There are differences in the level of achievement among States/UTs in the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education launched in February, 1988. Although some States are yet to pick up momentum, the Quick Appraisal studies conducted by NCERT in early 1990 in 6 States and 1 UT, overall indicated positive trends.

(d) The steps envisaged include starting of need-based vocational courses, organizing job-linked courses in collaboration with potential employers, review and amendment of recruitment rules, and facilitating self-employment.

Plan outlay for NWDP project

*114. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outlay for the National Wastelands Development Project during 1991-92;

(b) what has been the cumulative investment till date on the Project;

(c) whether any study has been carried out as to its effectiveness to the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The plan outlay in the Budget Estimates of 1991-92 for all activities and projects of the National Wastelands Development Board is Rs. 130.01 crores.

(b) The total expenditure on all activities and projects of the National Wastelands Development Board during the Seventh Plan period (1985—90) was Rs. 250.98 crores. In 1990-91, the expenditure was Rs. 83.7 crores.

(c) The National Wastelands Development Board was established in May, 1985. A review of the work done during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89 was carried out in 1989-90. With a view to enhance effectiveness, the Wastelands